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**MEMORANDUM FOR: THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF****SUBJECT: Operational Basis for "Hot War" Unconventional Warfare Programming**

1. The Department of Defense is primarily responsible for budgeting and funding materiel and facilities required for the support of unconventional warfare operations in active theaters of war ("hot war" programming). CIA is similarly responsible for cold war programming and cold war assets are a credit against "hot war" requirements.

2. The operational force and task goals used as a basis for "hot war" programming require JCS and CIA approval. The required operational basis should be derived from approved JCS and CIA plans for the conduct of unconventional warfare operations in global war. It appears that there will not be complete plans of this type for an unacceptably long period of time. An approved operational basis for "hot war" programming is urgently needed now.

3. Pending the availability of approved plans of the above type, I therefore recommend that the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

a. Approve for interim programming purposes the phased force basis included in CIA/OPC Emergency War Plan (Tab "A") for the area shown (Tab "B"). (This represents the CIA's best present estimate of the forces which could and should be employed in unconventional warfare operations in a global war.)

b. Request US CINCEUR, CINCPAC, and CINCPAC, in collaboration with CIA Senior War Planner Europe and Senior Representatives Northern Asia and Honolulu, to submit urgently a phased estimate of unconventional warfare forces to be employed under their emergency war plans for the first twenty-four months of global war, together with a sufficient indication of the phasing, location, nature and magnitude of unconventional warfare missions and tasks to provide a broad basis for support programming.

c. After review and

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c. After review and approval of these estimates, approve the substitution of the improved operational basis thus developed for the interim basis in a., above.

4. Upon notification of JCS approval of the above measures, I will take parallel action in CIA to include appropriate instructions to CIA overseas representatives, and participation in the review and approval of the improved operational basis recommended by our overseas commanders and representatives.

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Acting Director

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

**MEMORANDUM**

Date 16 March 1953

To: ACofS G-2 (Intelligence) Army

Subject:

Please translate and return to  
Room 2E868, The Pentagon.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

*R. J. McDuff*  
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REMARKS: Softly - Here in the letter and the attached material from General Bradley. I understand that DCI will give it a look, attempt an evaluation and come up with a recommendation - as well as a draft of proposed reply to General Bradley.